

Amendment No. 1 to SB0239

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 239*

House Bill No. 1232

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by deleting the amendatory language in Section 1 in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

Hospice services may be provided in an area designated by a hospital for exclusive use by a home care organization certified as a hospice provider to provide care at the hospice inpatient or respite level of care in accordance with the hospice's Medicare certification. Admission to the hospital is not required in order for a patient to receive such hospice services, regardless of the patient's length of stay. The designation by a hospital of a portion of its facility for exclusive use by a home care organization to provide hospice services to its patients shall not (a) alter the license to bed complement of such hospital or (b) result in the establishment of a residential hospice.